GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1798
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2002
PROCUREMENT OF PADDY
CHARAN DAS MAHANT

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have decided to commence the official procurement of paddyfrom 1st October and not 21st of September for the 2002-2003 season;

(b) if so, the reasons for this change of procurement date; and

(c) the details regarding benefits/profit likely to be accrued by the Government and the farmers from this change of procurement date?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SH KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a): The date of commencement of procurement is fixed in consultation with State Governments. For Kharif Marketing Season 2002-03, the date of commencement of procurement was fixed as

1.10.2002, based on an assessment of arrivals of grain in the market.

(b)&(c): Does not arise.